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Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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- [X] The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information identified in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
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I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants respectfully request that the citation and examination of the documents identified on the attached PTO-1449 be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application. By citing the following documents, Applicants do not admit that the documents are prior art and reserve the right to, if possible, antedate or otherwise demonstrate that the documents are not prior art.

II. DOCUMENTS

NON-U.S. DOCUMENTS

European Patent Application No. 0 762 522 A1, published March 12, 1997

Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 098, No. 002, (1998) and JP 09 259886 A (1997)

Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 095, No. 011, (1995) and JP 07 223809 A (1995)

III. REMARKS

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application and therefore is timely. A copy of the Communication is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

A copy of each of the above-identified documents are enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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